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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Muntz Examiner: Unassigned
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Title: LEASE ENFORCEMENT IN A DISTRIBUTED FILE SYSTEM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed herein are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted either within three months of the filing date or before the first Office Action of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed.

The above-referenced application incorporates by reference application number 09/774,841 entitled "Extending A Standard-Based Remote File Access Protocol And Maintaining Compatibility With A Standard Protocol Stack" by Karamanolis et al. filed on January 31, 2001.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a

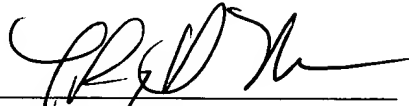
reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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